Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following paragraph:

[0001] This application is <u>a continuation of application serial number 10/300,515, filed November 20, 2002, which is</u> a continuation of application number 09/778,173, filed February 6, 2001, which is a continuation of application serial number 09/115,409, filed July 14, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,226,705, which is a divisional of application serial number 08/651,118, filed May 21, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,815,681. <u>The entire disclosure of each of the above referenced patents and patent applications is hereby incorporated herein by reference.</u> ~~The disclosure of the prior applications is included herein by reference.~~ Priority is hereby claimed to each of these applications.

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following paragraph:

File server 116 in this example may also contain routers (not shown) for communication and connection to different network protocols such as EthernetTM, Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM), and Fiber Distributed Data Interface (FDDI), among others. The output of file server 116 is coupled to shared peripherals such as a network modem ~~118~~ <u>119</u>, a laser printer 120, and other peripherals represented by element number 122. All workstations 112a through 112e on the network share access to the peripherals connected to server 116.